

# People...are the Burden!

So the king said to me, "Why is your face sad though you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of heart." Then I was very much afraid.

Nehemiah 2:2 (NASB)

## Observation

Our desires play an important role in the development of our faith. It is almost impossible to really believe God for something great that you don't passionately desire to happen. Have you ever met a man who built a great business, but had no desire whatsoever to build it? The answer to that is probably, "No." Why? Because people have faith for the things that light up their hearts with desire.

Nehemiah was no different. He had such a strong desire to help the people in Jerusalem that he could not hide it. It was **all** over his face, and everyone could see it. If we are ever going to be used by God to do something great, it has to become our greatest desire - a desire that is **all** over our face and is carried in our hearts. If we as people don't desire to stretch in generosity, then we probably never **will**. It is very hard to ask God for a miracle in your finances, work or family that you don't desire with **all** of your heart. Psalm 37:4 (NASB) says, "Delight yourself in the LORD; And He **will** give you the desires of your heart."

As we delight ourselves in God and His work, we will find the desires of our heart align with His. This is the starting point of faith: a strong desire to serve God with all your heart.

## **Application**

Do you desire to make a difference? Do you desire to see people saved, disciplined, called, and trained? Do you desire to be generous? If you do, it should be written all over your face. It should become one of the greatest priorities of your life. Take time to evaluate your desires, and ask yourself, "Do my desires align with the heart of God?" If they do, then you are at the starting point of faith. Begin to pray bold prayers.